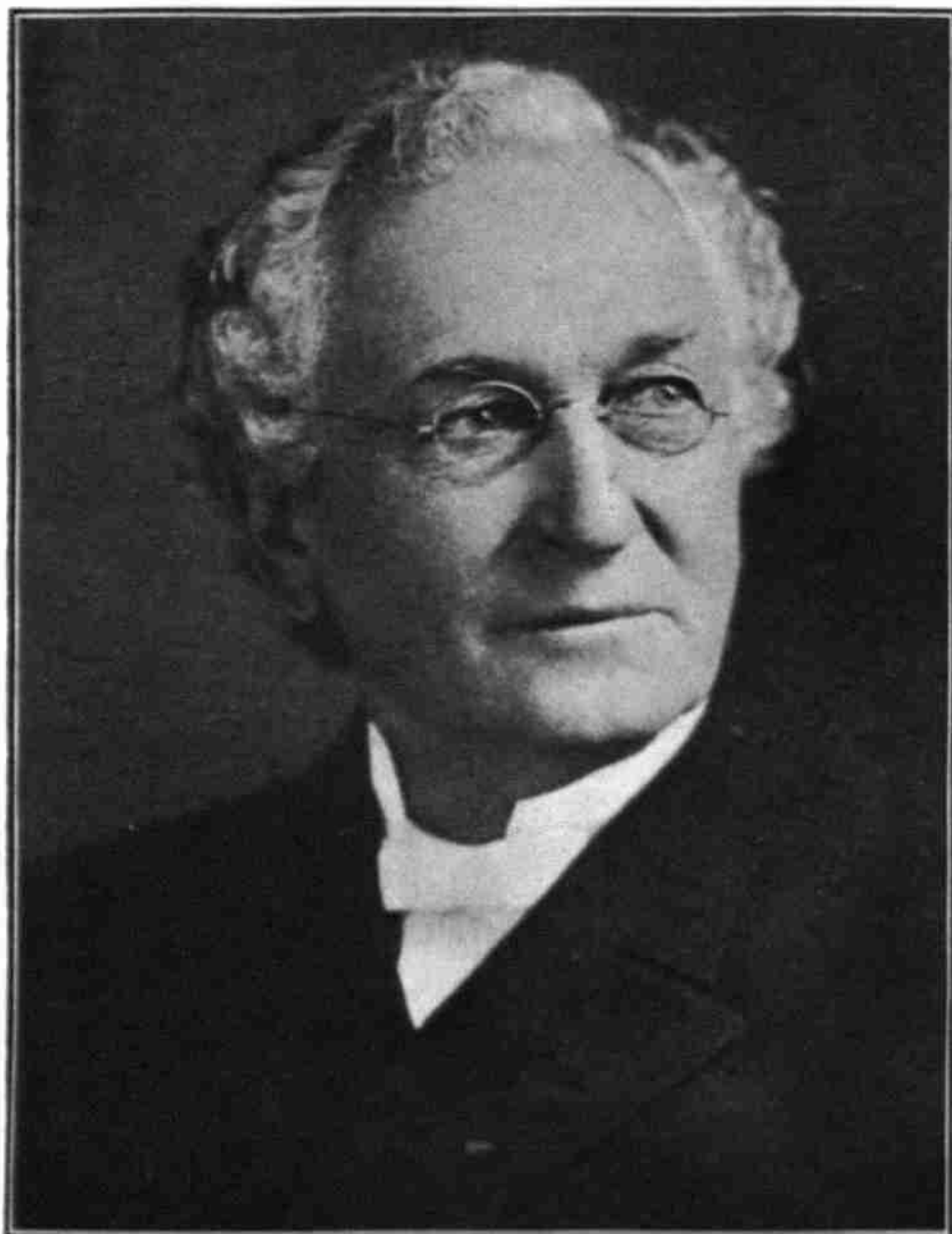


Walden University. Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. John A. Kumler, D.D., President

WALDEN UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tenn., founded in 1866 as the Central Tennessee College, is the oldest school under the care of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1865, the Methodist Episcopal Church began its denominational work in Nashville, and a school was organized under the



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direction of Bishop Clark, using a church formerly owned by the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and known as Andrew Chapel. A year later the school had become too large for the building and a large brick structure known as "the gun factory," — which was in possession of the federal government as abandoned property — was secured and

fitted for school purposes. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church granted the trustees \$11,500, in July, 1866, to purchase the site, and erected buildings for the college.

In 1868, the Freedmen's Board, through Gen. O. O. Howard, provided funds for the erection of two brick buildings on Maple Street, after it had become necessary to abandon the "gun factory" for school purposes. This property has been occupied by the school, which, since 1900, has been known as Walden University, named in honor of Bishop John M. Walden, of the

Methodist Church, one of the founders of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and its first president.

Walden University now has thirteen departments, including a college, English, normal, commercial, music, industrial, domestic science, law, medical, dentist's, pharmacy, nurses' training, and Braiden Bible Training School.

Only Four Presidents in Forty-three Years

During the forty-three years since the establishment of the institution, in 1866, Walden has had only four presidents: Rev. John Braiden, D.D., 1866 to 1900; Dr. George W. Hubbard, one year as acting-president; Rev. J. Benson Hamilton, D.D., three years; and Rev. John A. Kumler, D.D., president since July, 1904.

In 1876, through the liberal donations by the five Meharry brothers, the Meharry Medical Department of Walden University was founded, and Dr. George W. Hubbard was placed in charge. Dr. Hubbard is the oldest living teacher of the colored people, having been in continuous service since 1864. More than one half of the educated colored physicians in the Southern states are graduates of the Meharry Medical College. The enrollment in 1908 of 452 students in the medical, dental, pharmaceutical and nurse training departments proved that Meharry is the largest in the world for the colored people. It is open for women as well as for men.

More than Fifteen Thousand Students

More than 15,000 students have shared in the mental, moral, and literary work of Walden University. Of this number, 1,600 have graduated from her halls; 1,212 from the professional schools of Meharry; 56 from the Law College, and 345 graduated from the classical, normal, and mechanical departments, in addition to those who have graduated in the nurse training and from the Braden Bible and Training School, and a few of the shorter courses.

Of the 925 students enrolled in 1908, 202 were in the industrial department, and the students represented all the Southern states, 16 of the Northern states, 5 of the West India Islands, Central America, Mexico, South America, Canada, Africa, and Australia.

President Kumler in writing of the work of Walden University says: "Walden is now, and for years has been, the largest professional school in the world for the colored people. Here everything essential to such a school is taught, and students are pre-